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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

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With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks:

1. EP 0 595 683 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,851,539, submitted herewith.
2. EP 0 856 309 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,159,486, submitted herewith.
3. EP 0 950 401 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,440,430, submitted herewith.
4. EP 0 979 646 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,338,839, submitted herewith.
5. EP 1 028 120 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,221,343, submitted herewith.
6. EP 1 034 774 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,342,469, submitted herewith.
7. EP 1 055 423 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,383,503, submitted herewith.
8. EP 1 086 683 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
9. FR 2 776 513 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

10. **FR 2 776 514** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,440,430, submitted herewith.

11. **FR 2 776 515** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,426,079, submitted herewith.

12. **FR 2 789 313** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,344,204, submitted herewith.

13. **WO 99/47111** - An English language abstract of this foreign language document can be found on the title page of this document.

Applicants have enclosed a copy of the priority application's French Search Report for the Examiner's consideration.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the U.S. Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


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